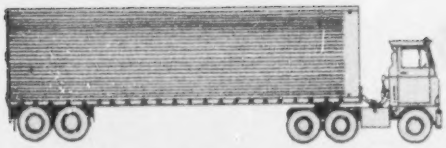

MONTHLY TRUCK TONNAGE REPORT

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TONNAGE INDEX INCREASES IN AUGUST

General freight carrier tonnage increased 4.1 points in August, 1985, from July, 1985 according to the ATA Truck Tonnage Index. At a level of 135.3(p) with 1967 = 100, the August tonnage is 3.1 percent above July's 131.2(r). The current month's volume is 9.7 points (6.7 percent) below the tonnage level in August, 1984.

The actual tons reported by motor carriers in the ATA survey increased from 5.69 million tons in July to 5.98 million tons in August, 1985. Actual tons increased 5%. Adjustments for variations due to seasonality and the number of working (trading) days increased the August index level to 135.3(p).

From July to August, 1985, Industrial Production increased 0.3% compared to the adjusted general freight tonnage index increase of 3.1%.

These findings were announced today by the American Trucking Associations, Inc. (ATA) Statistical Analysis Department. The monthly truck tonnage index is based on a survey of the companywide operations of Class I and II motor carriers of general freight. Index coverage represents in excess of one-half of the tonnage moved by this type of for-hire motor carriers of property subject to Interstate Commerce Commission regulation.

Month-to-month data are compiled using a chain link which, in turn, has been adjusted to remove the normal seasonal influence and variations due to differing numbers of business (trading) days each month.

The current and historic index numbers are shown on the reverse side, along with several other major business indicator series. A "three-month moving average" adjusted truck tonnage index has also been compiled which aids in smoothing out short term non-significant movements in the series.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH AUGUST, 1985

1967 = 100

	AUG 1985	JULY 1985	JUNE 1985	AUG 1984	Monthly % Change 7/85 / 6/85	Monthly % Change 8/85 / 7/85	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	135.3p	131.2r	133.2f	145.0f	-1.5	+3.1	-6.7
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	136.8p	130.3r	135.1f	150.4f	-3.6	+5.0	-9.0
Industrial Production Index[2,5] (total)	124.8	124.4	124.7	123.5	-0.2	+0.3	+1.1
Manufacturers (total)	127.5	126.8	126.7	125.9	+0.1	+0.6	+1.3
Non-durable	126.1	125.8	125.4	127.7	+0.3	+0.2	-1.3
Durable	128.4	127.5	127.7	123.2	+0.2	+0.7	+4.2
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	475.6	466.6	464.0	439.9	+0.6	+1.9	+8.1
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	293.5	294.8	293.9	291.3	+0.3	-0.4	+0.8
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	323.5	322.8	322.3	313.0	+0.2	+0.2	+3.4
tonnage Reported by 155 Carriers in AUG, 1985 (000 tons)	5,977	5,693	n.a.	6,654	n.a.	+5.0	-10.2

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1 - Adjusted seasonally & for trading days 2 - Seasonally adjusted 5 - 1977=100

3 - Finished goods (formerly Wholesale Price Index) 4 - Goods and services

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ADJUSTED MONTHLY TRUCK INDEX -- HISTORICAL -- 1967 = 100

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
January	164.7	153.2	129.7	127.5	144.4	141.1
February	156.5	152.8	133.0	126.4	140.1	136.5
March	157.9	152.8	130.5	128.9	143.8	138.9
April	151.0	152.9	130.5	130.4	146.0	137.5
May	142.9	153.2	131.1	133.3	143.8	136.4
June	139.0	151.0	131.3	135.5	142.7	133.2
July	134.9	150.2	128.3	150.1	143.9	131.2r
August	140.7	146.2	129.5	137.1	145.0	135.3p
September	145.0	143.8	128.4	138.4	141.8	
October	147.8	140.6	125.6	139.5	144.7	
November	151.8	136.3	122.4	140.0	147.0	
December	154.5	131.4	125.6	143.3	144.3	

* all data are final unless otherwise noted.

Three Month Moving Average of Adjusted Truck Tonnage Index for Recent Months

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1983	126.5	127.6	128.6	130.9	133.1	139.6	140.9	141.9	138.3	139.3	140.9	142.6
1984	142.6	142.8	143.3	144.5	144.2	143.5	143.9	143.6	143.8	144.5	145.3	144.1
1985	140.6	138.8	137.6	137.6	135.7	133.6r	133.2p					

The moving average aids in smoothing out less significant monthly variations.